

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1668

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter

February 14, 2012

An act to add Section 47612.2 to the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1668, as introduced, Carter. Charter schools: graduation and dropout rates.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a California high school equivalency certificate and an official score report, or an official score report only, to a person who has not completed high school and who meets specified requirements, including receiving a score on the general educational development test that is determined by the State Board of Education to be equal to the standard of performance expected from high school graduates.

Existing law requires graduation rates to be reported on the school accountability report card and requires them to be used in calculating a school's Academic Performance Index score. Existing law requires the Annual Report on Dropouts in California to include data relating to dropout and graduation rates. Existing law requires a local educational agency, including a charter school, to retain individual pupil records of all data necessary to compile reports required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.), including, but not limited to, dropout and graduation rates.

This bill would require that a pupil who passes the general educational development test be counted as a transfer for purposes of calculating graduation and dropout rates if the pupil is enrolled in a charter school

that provides instruction exclusively in partnership with specified federal programs, the California Conservation Corps, or the local conservation corps certified by the California Conservation Corps.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 47612.2 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 47612.2. A pupil who passes the general educational
- 4 development test shall be counted as a transfer for purposes of
- 5 calculating graduation and dropout rates if the pupil is enrolled in
- 6 a charter school that provides instruction exclusively in partnership
- 7 with any of the following:
- 8 (a) The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law
- 9 105-220; 29 U.S.C. Sec. 2801 et seq.).
- 10 (b) Federally affiliated Youth Build programs.
- 11 (c) Federal job corps training or instruction provided pursuant
- 12 to a memorandum of understanding with the federal provider.
- 13 (d) The California Conservation Corps or local conservation
- 14 corps certified by the California Conservation Corps pursuant to
- 15 Section 14406 or 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code.